



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **IT'S TIME TO CALL BACK THE LAID OFF AIRPORT WORKERS**

*Supervisors say building upkeep, cleanliness are suffering*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Milwaukee County Supervisors Chris Larson, Marina Dimitrijevic and John F. Weishan, Jr., are calling on County Executive Scott Walker to call back laid off airport workers to better handle janitorial and maintenance needs in light of record passenger counts and a recent incident that injured a teenager.

According to a Sheriff's report, an 18-year-old male was injured when a fiber cement wallboard fell, hitting him in the head. The teenager refused medical treatment. Supervisors Larson, Dimitrijevic and Weishan say the incident raises additional concerns about the safety of County buildings.

"First it was the piece that fell off the Courthouse, then it was the terrible O'Donnell Park tragedy, and now it's this," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. "I am truly worried and scared about what could happen next."

"This third incident highlights the need to have honest conversations about budgeting within Milwaukee County, instead of continuing to delay maintenance projects for short-term savings. In February, the County Executive laid off ten airport workers, including several employees who perform janitorial and maintenance work. We need these employees back on the job as soon as possible to make sure our airport is safe and clean for passengers," Supervisor Larson said. "As a member of the Board that provides legislative oversight within Milwaukee County, we need to make sure all the necessary upkeep and janitorial work are being performed, especially in light of the record passenger counts at Mitchell."

"As the County Supervisor whose district includes Mitchell International, I would like to thank the airport firefighters, who were the first responders that tended to the injured teenager," Supervisor Larson added. "Under the County Executive's 2010 budget proposal, these firefighters would have been cut and replaced with workers from another organization."

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